



# CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH

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## CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 16, 2020

The City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach, Texas held a regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020, at City Hall, 16628 San Luis Pass Road, Jamaica Beach, Texas. Members of the public were invited to attend the meeting in person or by video or audio conference.

Present:	Mayor:	Steve Spicer
	Councilmembers:	Sherwood Green Russell Rupertus Clay Morris Terry Rizzo Marci Kurtz-Hoffman
	City Administrator:	Sean Hutchison
	Interim City Secretary:	Nola Gonzales
	Police Chief:	Brad Heiman

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Alderman Morris.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ginger Jones at 16612 Curlew spoke before the council regarding the proposed golf cart ordinance.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. DISCUSS REAPPOINTING JASON LONG AND SHANNON LUCAS TO THE HARRIS GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT BOARD.

**Sean Hutchison, City Administrator addressed the Council regarding the reappointments of Jason Long and Shannon Lucas.**

2. DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF TURTLE SCULPTURE ON ESPLANADE. TURTLE SPONSORED BY JBIC.

**Sean Hutchison, City Administrator addressed the Council reading the placement of the turtle sculptures in the esplanades donated by JBIC.**

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
  - a. WORKSHOP & SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2020
  - b. WORKSHOP & SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – OCTOBER 5, 2020
  - c. WORKSHOP & SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2020

**Alderman Rupertus made the motion to approve the minutes from Workshop & Special Called meeting September 28, 2020, Workshop & Special Called meeting – October 5, 2020 and Workshop & Special Regular meeting – October 19, 2020. Alderman Morris seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

2. CONSIDER FOR ACTION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE AMENDED FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Alderman Morris to adopt AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE AMENDED FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Alderman Rizzo seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

3. CONSIDER FOR ACTION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE ADOPTED GOLF CART AND OTHER SLOW MOVING VEHICLE REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES AS STATED IN THE STATE OF TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH REQUIREMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Alderman Green to adopt AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE ADOPTED GOLF CART AND OTHER SLOW MOVING VEHICLE REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES AS STATED IN THE STATE OF TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH REQUIREMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion died for a lack of a second.**

4. CONSIDER FOR ACTION A VARIANCE REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A BOAT DOCK TO EXTEND 15'10" FROM THE LOT LINE INTO THE CANAL ON PARCEL NUMBER 125682 (VACANT LOT IN CENTER OF CUL DE SAC ON FLOUNDER WAY). (THIS AGENDA ITEM WILL HAVE THE COUNCIL ACTING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.)

**A motion was made by Alderman Rizzo to grant a variance request to construct a boat dock to extend 15'10" from the lot line into the Canal on parcel number 125682 (vacant lot in center of cul-de-sac on Flounder Way). (This Agenda Item will have the Council acting as the Board of Adjustments.) Alderman Rupertus seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

5. CONSIDER FOR ACTION REAPPOINTING JASON LONG AND SHANNON LUCAS TO THE HARRIS GALVESTON SUBSIDENCE DISTRICT BOARD.

**A motion was made by Alderman Hoffman to reappoint Jason Long and Shannon Lucas to the Harris Galveston Subsidence District Board and Alderman Green seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

6. CONSIDER FOR ACTION PLACEMENT OF TURTLE SCULPTURE ON ESPLANADE. TURTLE SPONSORED BY JBIC.

**A motion was made by Alderman Morris to approve the locations of the turtle sculpture on esplanade sponsored by JBIC and Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

## **REPORTS**

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Sean Hutchinson, City Administrator reported on sending out notification on a possible burn in State Park. Installation of the pirate ship is complete; the rubber mulch has been ordered and should be delivered the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Personnel Manual has been distributed to the Mayor and Council for review. The engineering plans for the Street Improvement Program have been completed and sent over to GLO. GLO has approved a dune and beach front protection permit. The Planning and Zoning Commission will be tomorrow night to review and approve a replat application.

### **MAYOR**

No report given.

### **ALDERMEN**

Alderman Hoffman report on an application to Bird City Texas. It would be a three year commitment to promote bird habitat. It's a great community focused program.

### **POLICE**

No report given.

### **FIRE**

No report given.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** It is anticipated that all, or a portion of the discussion of the following items, if any, will be conducted in closed executive session under authority of the Texas Open Meetings Act. However, no action will be taken on these items until the City Council reconvenes in open session.

At: 6:15 p.m. the Mayor announced that the City Council was recessing into closed executive session under the personnel matters.

1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 551.074 – TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL – EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES OR DISCIPLINE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE.

2. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 551.074 – PERSONNEL MATTERS: INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY SECRETARY POSITION.

3. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE ACTION ON THE POSITION OF CITY SECRETARY.

**RECONVENE** into Open Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session. The City Council reconvened in open session.

